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2003 CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

Ohio's **Corn** crop was 97 percent planted on June 15. This was slightly ahead of last year but six days behind the five-year average. Corn was 99 percent emerged on June 21, three days ahead of 2002 and the same as the 1998-2002 average. Producers began harvesting corn silage around the middle of August and were finished toward the end of October. On September 21, farmers had one percent of corn for grain harvested. This was five days behind last year and nine days behind the five-year average. The majority of corn was harvested by November 22.

Soybeans were one percent planted by April 20. Farmers had 97 percent of soybeans planted by the 29 of June. This was six days behind 2002 and seven days behind the 1998-2002 average. As the first week of July ended, soybeans were 99 percent emerged. This was right on track with last year and the five-year average. The soybean harvest began around September 21 and was virtually completed by mid November.

Winter Wheat was one percent jointed as the month of March came to a close. This is three percent behind 2002 and the five-year average. Ninety-seven percent of winter wheat was harvested by July 27. This was seven days behind 2002 and eight days behind the five-year average.

Alfalfa hay first cutting was four percent complete by May 18, three percent ahead of last year but seven percent behind the 1998-2002 average. Ninety-nine percent was cut by July 6, slightly behind last year but slightly ahead of the five-year average. The second cutting was completed near the end of August and the third cutting finished up near the end of September. The few that could get a fourth cutting were finished by the end of October. The first cutting of **Other hay** began on May 18 and was completed by mid July. The second cutting was completed by mid September and the third cutting was 94 percent complete by mid October.

One percent of the **Oat** crop had been planted by March 30. This was four percent behind 2002 and 10 percent behind the five-year average. Favorable weather allowed oat farmers to have 99 percent planted by May 4. This was 29 days ahead of last year and 21 days ahead of the 1998-2002 average. One percent of oats were emerged by mid April, three days behind 2002 and 10 days behind last year. Oats were one percent harvested by July 13, and were 96 percent harvested by August 24.

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